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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

German Publication No. DE 81 06 942 U, published July 15, 1982;

\*German Publication No. DE 41 21 312 C, published May 14, 1992,  
including English abstract; and

\*German Publication No. DE 297 23 569 U, published November 12,  
1998, including English abstract.


These references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding International patent application PCT/DE00/02256. Since the foregoing publications and search report have previously been transmitted to all the designated

Offices by the International Bureau, Applicants do not enclose copies of those publications herewith. Applicants, however, enclose copies of two English abstracts of the publications marked with an asterisk (\*). Applicant conducted a database search and was unable to secure an English abstract of German Publication No. 81 06 942 U. A reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompanies this statement.

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